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1. C/FP/SAC						<p>1. The attached memo to the ICI is in response to a Dept. of Defense query as to any possible Agency interest in procuring any or part of the Guatemala ALFAR arms shipment.</p> <p>2. The Defense memo to Mr. Dulles was given to Mr. C who, in turn, gave it to DD/FP for appropriate action and preparation of reply.</p> <p>3. FP Staff has coordinated this action with DD/A-Logistics and WH Division. Their position concurs with the attached (see Tabs B and C).</p> <p>4. Your signature is recommended.</p> <p>CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM RELEASE AS SANITIZED</p> <p>2003</p> <p>22.4</p>
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence

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Mr. C J

SUBJECT:

Utilization of the ALPHEN Arms Shipment to Guatemala

REFERENCES:

- a. Memorandum for Mr. Allen Dulles from OSD (Unsigned), Subject: As above, dated 24 November 1954. (Tab A)
- b. Memorandum for C/PP/SAC/UW from C/WA/AD, Subject: "ALPHEN Arms", dated 9 December 1954. (Tab B)
- c. Memorandum for C/PI from C/LOG, Subject: As above, dated 13 December 1954. (Tab C)

1. Reference a, above, solicits information as to any agency interest in acquiring some or all of the ALPHEN arms shipment. The memorandum further suggests that the agency might desire to purchase such ALPHEN items as may be of value, thereby financially enabling the Guatemalan government to purchase aircraft (\$400,000).

2. Information available in Washington indicates that the ALPHEN shipment consists mainly of German-type small arms and ammunition, and miscellaneous explosive devices. A current survey conducted by DD/P elements and the Office of Logistics reveals that agency assets are sufficient to meet established operational requirements for materiel of the types reported in the ALPHEN shipment. (References b and c, above.)

3. Recommendations:

- a. That the agency not procure any or part of the ALPHEN items.

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b. That the attached memorandum for the Secretary of Defense (Tab D) be signed and dispatched.

(Signed) Richard Helms

for
Frank G. Wisner
Deputy Director (Plans)

Attachments:

- Tab A - Reference a, above
- Tab B - Reference b, above
- Tab C - Reference c, above
- Tab D - Proposed memorandum for Secretary of Defense from the DCI, Subject as above.

PP/SAC/UW **C** **1**
13 December 1954

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
Washington 25, D. C.

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24 November 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ALLEN DULLES

SUBJECT: Utilization of the ALFHEM Arms Shipment to Guatemala

1. We have just completed a preliminary survey of the Guatemalan armed forces with an eye to arranging a mutual defense assistance program. The Guatemalans showed our survey team the arms and ammunition. I am told that this equipment which they acquired from Communist sources during the former regime contains much obsolete materiel; however, there are a number of rifles, semi-automatic rifles, light machine guns, and sub-machine guns of a European (some Russian) make with ammunition. In addition, there are a number of useful plastic mines, grenades, etc. It has occurred to me that you might have an interest in acquiring at least some of these stocks.
2. It is contemplated that the United States, on the recommendation of the Ambassador and the IADB will furnish the Guatemalan Government by the 22nd of December with a few trucks and armored cars for use in celebration of Guatemalan Armed Forces Day. We are seeking methods of assuring timely delivery of these vehicles. Should the pressure of time so dictate, we may transport these vehicles by air. If this is the case, the aircraft would be able to bring back such of the weapons as the Guatemalan Government would part with within the limits of your requirements.
3. In addition to Army equipment which will be provided on a "grant" basis to the Guatemalan Government under MDAP, the Guatemalans desire to purchase aircraft which cannot be provided under a grant aid agreement. Castillo Armas has indicated his inability to purchase these aircraft (roughly \$400,000) with available resources. It occurs to me that you might desire to arrange, through means available to you, to purchase such arms and equipment from the ALFHEM stocks as may be of value. By this means it may be possible to provide the Government of Guatemala with sufficient funds to purchase some of the aircraft which we believe they could profitably absorb and maintain.
4. I would suggest that our staffs (General Erskine's office on my part) get together and discuss the possibilities in this situation. In view of the fact that transportation back for this equipment will be available on the 22nd of December, there is some need for early attention to this matter if you are interested.

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9 December 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/PP/SAC/UW

SUBJECT: ALFHEM Arms

1. In accordance with your verbal request, the following is submitted regarding the ALFHEM Arms.

2. The WH Division does not recommend that ALFHEM Arms be procured for some future use in the Western Hemisphere. [

3. There is no known firm requirement for these arms at this time. If the arms were to be procured solely on a "denial factor" basis, it is recommended that considerable thought be given to the means of transporting the materials from Guatemala to the United States []

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13 December 1954

TO: Chief, Psychological and Paramilitary Staff, DD/P

FROM: Chief of Logistics, DD/A

SUBJECT: Utilization of ALFHEM Arms Shipment to Guatemala

- REFERENCE: (a) Unsigned memo to Dulles 24 Nov 1954
- (b) Information Report CS 45645, 14 Sep 1954 with Evaluation thereof, as of 17 Sep 1954
- (c) Intelligence Report R-142-54, 5 Oct 1954
- (d) Note by [] /WH, 29 Nov 1954 re GUAT 458 (IN 26645), 25 Nov 1954
- (e) Ozalid print of 2 page document title "Armamento de Reciente Adquisicion" dated Guatemala Junion de 1954

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[] the Logistics Office does not recommend procurement.



2. Procurement as a matter of national policy should be approached with great caution, if Agency utilization is contemplated, for the following reasons:

a. []

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b. Transportation via aircraft used to publicize "Guatemalan Armed Forces Day" should not be attempted unless such strict controls can be devised as to dissociate U.S. Government interest.

c. The shipment should be subject to a careful inspection and appraisal by a representative of the Logistics Office prior to any commitment as to Agency acquisition.

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Utilization of ALFHEM Arms Shipment to Guatemala.

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Mr. Allen Dulles from OSD, subject as above, dated 24 November 1954.

1. A review of CIA requirements for arms and ammunition of the types contained in the ALFHEM shipment reveals that current stocks are adequate for present and estimated future needs. No ALFHEM items, therefore, can be profitably procured for use by this Agency.

2. Your consideration of our possible interest in this matter is greatly appreciated.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

PP/SAC/UC []
13 December 1954

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